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1. SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MDFA), W.T. JAYASINGHE, TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR APRIL 4 SAYING HE WAS CALLING ON "PERSONAL" LEVEL ON BEHALF OF SECRETARY OF EDUCATION, P.P. UDAGAMA, TO URGE THAT CARE/SRI LANK REPRESENTATIVE LAURIACE BE RETAINED AS HEAD OF CARE PROGRAM HERE.
2. AMBASSADOR TOLD JAYASINGHE EMBASSY HAD EARLIER RECOMMENDION THAT AID/WASHINGTON APPROACH CARE/NEW YORK WITH SUGGESTION THAT LAURIAC BE RETAINED. HOWEVER, EMBASSY HAD BEEN INFORMED LAURIAC WAS NEEDED FOR IMPORTANT POST IN WEST AFRICA IN CONNECTION SHEL EMERGENCY AND THAT IF HE WERE TRANSFERRED, AN EQUALLY QUALIFIED NEW CARE REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE SENT TO COLOMBO AS HIS REPLACEMENT.
3. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF STRONG GSL INTEREST IN RETAINING LAURIAC, WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT LAURIAC ASSIGNMENT TO SAHEL SURVEY WILL BE TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT. IF TEMPORARY, HOW LONG WOULD ASSIGNMENT LAST AND WHEN COULD HIS RETURN BE ANTICIPATED?
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